

# Herculaneum Community Advisory Group

## Quarterly Update

(May - August 2003)

**Purpose of CAG:** Provides residents with a forum to express views, decide community priorities, make decisions, and to hear reports from agencies involved in lead contamination clean-up.

**Meetings:** CAG holds Action Group Meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month - 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. CAG holds its large general meeting (when Agencies make their reports) every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. usually in the Music Room of Herculaneum High School.

**Contacts:** If anyone has any questions or would like to become involved, please call one of the members of the CAG Core Leadership Team.

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## Things to Know

- ♦ At the May CAG meeting, Community convener Doug Sarno presented a summary of findings from the community surveys. A written report is available by contacting Miranda Duncan at (314) 516-6040. On September 4<sup>th</sup> Doug will facilitate a community meeting to determine direction for community revitalization.
- ♦ CAG Impact of Future Buy-out priority focus group continued working on creating a not for profit organization (Herculaneum Today and Tomorrow). Draft by-laws were presented at the past three CAG meetings, revised, and adopted on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Its purpose "shall be to provide citizen oversight and positive action in order to reduce health and environmental risks from past lead and other heavy metal contamination; to improve the community's health; to protect the environment; and to enhance the quality of future life for Herculaneum residents." The function of the CAG remains the same as it has been for the last few years. The CAG's work is complemented by the not for profit organization which can seek grant funding for projects the community determines it wants.

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- ◆ CAG initiated a procedure to track any ongoing problems residents are encountering. The list is reviewed at each large CAG meeting to determine progress. Tim Myers is chairing this initiative. People should continue to fill out complaint forms available at City Hall and speak directly to agency staff at the general CAG meetings. Tim will assist with problems not being resolved.
- ◆ One such example Tim is working on is the cost of watering lawns that have been remediated. EPA and Doe Run are negotiating *possible* reimbursement for two months of water bills.
- ◆ Property owners in the buy-out zone reporting problems with the appraisal process prompted DNR to present a refresher on the voluntary property buy-out plan. Watch for announcements of meetings that address your concerns.
- ◆ Some other current issues being discussed:
- ◆ EPA is considering a third alternative proposed by Doe Run for slag pile remediation.
- ◆ It has been identified that sewage sludge contains lead, arsenic and cadmium, creating a disposal problem for the sewer district.
- ◆ EPA's Interior Dust Focus Group is determining new standards for homes in Herculaneum.
- ◆ Three Core Leadership Team members participated in setting protocol for the lead, arsenic and cadmium health study. The next step is for the health agencies to establish the specific research design to be used.
- ◆ Residents Jack Warden and Tim Myers and Jim Lanzafame of Doe Run are participating in a work group coordinated by Leanne Tippet of DNR Air Pollution Control Program to review the lead and SO2 monitoring networks in Herculaneum.

### Ways to Get Involved

- ◆ Herculaneum Today and Tomorrow Start-up (formerly called Impact of Buy-out) Priority Focus Group meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. - 196 Dunklin. Call Jo Ann Thompson (636) 479-3331.
- ◆ Report problems with yard remediation to Tim Myers (314) 330-8893.
- ◆ To participate in Slag Pile Priority Focus Group, call Larry O'Leary (636) 475-3310.
- ◆ Attend the CAG Action Group and General meetings held every month.
- ◆ If appropriate for you, have your yard remediated and your home cleaned.